

Blood and Transplant

To: Transfusion Laboratory Managers, Transfusion Practitioners, Chair of HTC, Chair of RTC, Consultant Haematologist with responsibility for Blood Transfusion, England EPRR, Chief Nurses

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Stock Update - B D negative red cells

Dear Colleague,

We would like to thank you for your support in accepting O D negative red cells for B R₀ orders. This action has enabled us to stabilise group B D negative stock. We understand how these asks of you are inconvenient but by working together we have been able to maintain supply.

From Thursday 04 September we will return to normal substitution practice.

We remain at Pre-Amber Alert status for groups O D negative and B D negative red cells. We will exit when stocks are sufficiently certain and stable.

Please maintain all PBM and stock management best practice alongside the actions required in the [Stock Shortage Plan](#).

We continue to deliver an extensive media campaign and are opening new donor centres to secure new and returning donors to help us build and stabilise stocks.

Please forward this letter to your consultant lead for transfusion and cascade to laboratory and clinical staff as appropriate.

Kind regards

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